

Influx of Smokers (*Polytelis anthopeplus*).—On August 24, 1954, about 50-60 Smokers were observed at the 18-mile peg along Forrest Road, Armadale. The flock was moving in a westerly direction. Another two were observed in flight in the vicinity of Jandakot on August 6, 1954. It appears from reports over the last few years that this species is gradually extending its range southwards.

—W. C. FORD, Fremantle.

Reef Heron in Fremantle Harbour.—It may be of interest to note the sighting of the Reef Heron (*Demigretta sacra*) within the Inner Harbour, Fremantle. One bird, an individual of the dark phase, was seen at sunset on September 17, 1954, flying seawards adjacent to C Shed. Recognition was definite and easy as I had previously observed the species on three occasions at Point Peron. On the last, May 13, 1954, two birds were studied through a telescope for about 5 minutes whilst they were not 30 yards off.

—G. CATTERMOLLE, Fremantle.

Large Concentration of *Neophema elegans* at Neeralin Pool.—At 9 a.m. on February 20, 1954, I disturbed the largest flock of Elegant Grass-Parrots (*Neophema elegans*) that I have ever seen.

Quick counting of the birds whilst they were on the wing, revealed that there were approximately 100 individuals.

The situation was in partially cleared scrub land beside the Great Southern Railway, two miles north-west of Neeralin Pool, which is 18 miles south of Narrogin.

This place is rather flat, and consequently somewhat wet during the winter months.

—BRIAN V. TEAGUE, Narrogin.

Quenda near Perth.—Cycling along the Welshpool-Lesmurdie Road during Christmas week, 1953, I passed, close to the Industrial Centre, what I thought to be a dead cat lying alongside the road. I had gone two or three chains when I remembered it had a rat-like tail so I went back to investigate. It was a Quenda or Short-nosed Bandicoot (*Isodon obesulus*). The animal bore no sign of injury but as I had no means of getting it to the Museum I left it on the roadside. I mentioned finding it to several Welshpool residents later and all said they had never seen one.

Recently my daughter, at Roleystone, saw a Quenda near her house in that district.

—J. W. BAGGS, East Cannington.

Occurrence of the Great-winged Petrel at Wyalkatchem.—On October 22, 1954, during the Northam Wildlife Show, Mr. C. G. Jessup brought in for identification a petrel which had been picked up the previous day by Mr. W. L. McClure on the railway line one mile west of Wyalkatchem. The bird proved to be the Great-winged Petrel (*Pterodroma macroptera*). It was fed and subsequently released.